

Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. Jim Giles
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Dear Mr. Giles:

This is a final response to your 18 March 2010 Freedom of Information Act request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 30 March 2010, requesting **"copies of all records that include data on, or summaries of, the search warrants, subpoenas and court orders served annually by the Central Intelligence Agency against the following companies: Google, Yahoo!, Microsoft, AOL, Facebook, Twitter and MySpace. I request these annual records for each of the previous ten years."**

Please note, the mission of the Central Intelligence Agency is primarily concerned with foreign intelligence -- not domestic -- matters. Section 103 (d)(1) of the National Security Act, as amended, specifically provides that "the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal security functions." Executive Order 12333, which regulates the conduct of intelligence activities in the United States and elsewhere, provides that the responsibility for domestic intelligence collection is generally within the province of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A very limited exception to the Order is provided that permits other agencies within the Intelligence Community to collect significant foreign intelligence and counterintelligence, provided that no such effort shall be undertaken for the purpose of acquiring information about the domestic activities of United States persons. Based on the above, our records systems are not configured in a way that would allow us to perform a search reasonably calculated to lead to responsive records. Therefore, we must decline to process your request.

You may wish to write to the Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the following address:

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Records Information/Dissemination Section
170 Marcel Drive
Winchester, VA 22602-4843

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delores M. Nelson".

Delores M. Nelson
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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